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MEMBER / OFFICER
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips or similar events in connection with official duties. You need not disclose government-funded or political travel on this form, or travel that is unrelated to official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with clause 5 of House Rule 25, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within **15 days** after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make these forms available to the public as soon as possible after they are received.

1. Name of Traveler: Congressman Ted Poe
2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): _____
b. Relationship to Member/Officer: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: 06/11-06/11/2009
b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____
4. Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): Washington, DC-Atlantic City, NJ-Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): New Jersey Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): 40th Annual Narcotic Training Conference and Banquet
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
 - a. ☒ the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
 - b. ☒ the Traveler Form completed by the Member or officer; *and*
 - c. ☒ the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box): ☒
b. If not, explain: _____

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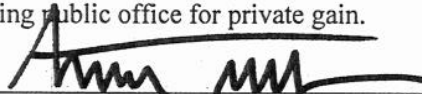
9. **TRIP EXPENSES:** Obtain actual dollar amounts from the sponsor. If exact dollar amounts are unavailable by the due date, provide a good faith estimate and file an amended form once the correct amounts are received.

| | Total Transportation Expenses | Total Lodging Expenses | Total Meal Expenses |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| For Member or Officer: | \$144.06 | | \$30.00 |
| For accompanying family member: | | | |

| | Other Expenses (dollar amount) | Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| For Member or Officer: | \$5.00 | Parking |
| For accompanying family member: | | |

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER:



DATE: 6/12/2009

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Washington, DC 20515-6328

June 1, 2009

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The Honorable Ted Poe
U.S. House of Representatives
430 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip to Atlantic City, New Jersey scheduled for June 11, 2009 sponsored by the New Jersey Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association.

You must complete a Member Travel Disclosure Form and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form (including attachments) and Member travel approval form you previously submitted to the Committee. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$335 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Zoe Lofgren
Chair



Jo Bonner
Ranking Republican Member

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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM
For Members, Officers, and Employees

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392.*

YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 14 days before the trip commences.

Name of Traveler: Congressman Ted Poe

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): Elizabeth Steil

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: Congressman Ted Poe

Office address: 430 Cannon

Phone number: (202)-225-6565

Email address of contact person: elizabeth.steil@mail.house.gov

- ☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet and the traveler is a Member traveling to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 14 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
U.S. House of Representatives
HT-2, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)

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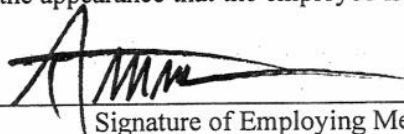
PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Congressman Ted Poe
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): New Jersey Narcotic Enforcement Officer's Association
3. Travel destination(s): Atlantic City, New Jersey
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: 06/11-06/11/2009
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: _____
c. Relationship to traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (i.e., the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, check one of the following: ☐ N/A – Sponsor checked 9(a) or 9(b)
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: ☐ or
(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested: ☐
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (indicate that form is attached by checking box): ☒
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your individual official or representational duties:
Congressman Poe is a member of the Judiciary Committee and former Judge

9. **FOR STAFF:**
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: 5/27/2009



Signature of Employing Member

NOTE: This page must be submitted with your post-travel disclosure form within 15 days of your return, so you should maintain a photocopy of the completed form for your records.

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
(provide directly to each House invitee)

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. *You must answer every question on the form.*

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): New Jersey Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (Signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒
3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (Signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒
4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):
Congressman Poe was invited to speak as an advocate for narcotic enforcement
6. Dates of travel: June 11, 2009
7. Cities of departure – destination – return: Washington D.C. to Atlantic City N.J. Return to Washington D.C.
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities) (Signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
9. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ or
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (i.e., if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
 - a. N/A – I checked 9(a) or (b) above: ☒
 - b. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: ☐ or
 - c. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered: ☐
If "c" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____

11. Check one:
- a. I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒ or
 - b. N/A – trip sponsor is an institution of higher education. ☐
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the purpose of the trip and the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:
Congressman Poe is the Keynote Speaker at the 40th Annual Narcotic Training Conference Banquet. This annual event is organized by the New Jersey Narcotics Enforcement Officer's Association, an organization addressing current narcotic enforcement initiatives.
13. a. Describe the mode of travel (air, rail, bus, etc.). For air travel, also indicate the type of aircraft (commercial, charter, or privately owned) and class of travel (coach, business class, first class, etc.):
Congressman Poe will be driving via rental car.
- b. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒
15. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☒ or
 - b. The trip involves events that are arranged *specifically with regard* to congressional participation: ☐
If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____
16. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: This event is held annually at Trump Resort and Casino, Atlantic City, New Jersey, for its accommodations and convenience.
17. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: n/a
18. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): n/a
19. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: n/a

20. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

| | | | |
|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates | Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant | Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant | Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant |
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | \$150.00 | | \$30.00 |
| For each accompanying family member | | | |

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| | <i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount) | Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.) |
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | | |
| For each accompanying family member | | |

21. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

22. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Michael J. Barbato Sr.

Name and title: Michael J. Barbato Sr. 3rd Vice President and Co-Chairman of the Conference Committee

Organization: New Jersey Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association

Address: P.O. Box 567 Nutley, New Jersey 07110

Telephone number: 973 661 4362

Fax number: 973 661 4807

Email Address: mjb310@comcast.net

The Committee staff may contact the above individual if additional information is required.

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(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

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Itinerary for Congressman Ted Poe

Thursday, June 11, 2009

2:30pm: Depart Washington, DC

6:45pm: Arrive New Jersey Narcotic Officer's Association Annual Conference Banquet
Trump Marina Hotel, Brigantine Boulevard, Atlantic, New Jersey 08401

7:00pm: Dinner begins

8:30pm: Program begins
Congressman to Speak

9:30pm: Banquet concludes
Congressman departs Atlantic City, NJ for Washington, DC

40th Annual Training Conference and Banquet

Trump Marina Hotel Casino

Brigantine Boulevard

Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

The New Jersey Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association will be sponsoring the 40th Annual Training Conference at the Trump Marina Hotel Casino, located in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The Officers and Board of Directors are looking forward to our return to Atlantic City and the training that will be offered. This year's theme is "Narcotics, Outlaw Bikers, and Gangs: Our 45 Year War Continues". We encourage not only interagency cooperation, but also cooperation from the community and businesses.

This year's conference will give you the opportunity to: stay current on everything in the field and in the world of technology when it comes to fighting drug dealers and international narcotic importers, network with cutting edge detectives and find out how they are getting the job done, meet old friends and strike up some new acquaintances.

The power packed conference will cover how traditional narcotic enforcement methods can be used to address current law enforcement initiatives. It will also cover timely topics such as anti-terrorism tactics, technology breakthroughs, gang interdiction and much, much more.

The entire cost of the training conference, including the Awards Banquet and all materials is \$255.00 per person for NJNEOA members.

I encourage all attendees to be present at the opening ceremony on Jun 9th, 2009 at 10:00 AM. There will also be a number of dignitaries present that support our association and our efforts in law enforcement. The training program commences immediately following the opening ceremony.

As part of our awards ceremonies which will be held on June 11, 2009, awards will be presented to individuals who have made significant contributions in the area of narcotics enforcement.

The Keynote speaker for this year's banquet will be Congressman and Former Judge Ted Poe from Texas. Congressman Poe was hired by the Harris County District Attorney's Office fresh out of law school. He didn't lose a case in eight years, and then was recommended by the district attorney to be appointed as a judge. As a Judge, Congressman Poe was well known for his unconventional sentencing. He handed out some unusual sentences, like requiring a probationer to shovel out the Houston Police stables or forcing convicts to carry signs outside the courthouse proclaiming their crimes. He also passed along novel sentences such as having convicted shoplifters wear signboards outside a store where they were caught shoplifting. Congressman Poe is known as an outstanding speaker that will be both, interesting and informative.

The New Jersey Narcotics Enforcement Officer Association training conference has historically been an excellent opportunity for attendees to learn about and discuss emerging issues. As our enrollment continues to increase and new trends in substance abuse persist, it becomes increasingly necessary for the NJNEOA to provide the law enforcement community with education and training to fight this plague against our society.